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SURPLUS OF BROWN-COAL TAR IN THE GDR

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a conference of representatives of the GDR chemical industry. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the reasons for the oversupply of brown-coal tar and the possibilities for the elimination of this surplus. It is stated that the present output of the GDR carbonization plants amounts to 1.6 million tons of brown-coal tar per year, of which 1,470,000 tons are processed. One of the major difficulties is that the tar-processing facilities at the GDR chemical plants are inadequate. After discussion of various proposals for the elimination of the brown-coal tar surplus, data are given on cost estimates and the planned increase in fuel-production capacities in connection with the necessary construction of additional tar-processing installations.

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[redacted] one of the representatives at the abovementioned meeting), concerning the brown-coal tar oversupply. The main reasons given for the surplus are: 1) as of 1951, imported crude oil is being processed into benzine, diesel fuel, and fuel oil (which seems to indicate that less emphasis is placed on processing brown-coal tar for these purposes); 2) increasing productivity of the carbonization plants accounts for the greater output of brown-coal tar.

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